

ANOTHER PERFIN MACHINE.

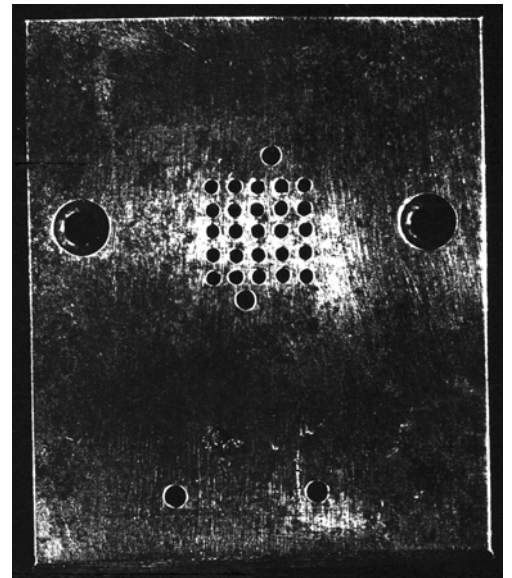
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Another perfinning machine has come to light. I found it while wandering in a local Antique Centre. The machine is of the small single die type and in construction not unlike the common company embossing machines often found. When I found it, it was in very poor shape and I have now restored it into working order and it is worth recording its details.

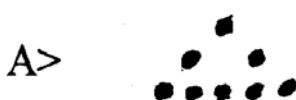
The body of the machine is a casting painted in black lacquer, and by its design would appear to date from the early post-war period. The maker's name, SHAW & SONS LONDON, is cast onto the frame on each side. In general the standard of workmanship is low.

The platform of the machine holds a steel plate with a 5 x 5 matrix of drilled holes about 1/16" in diameter and above it is a brass plate drilled to hold the steel pins. It also has a 5 x 5 matrix. The pins are fitted from the top of the upper plate and held in place by a brass holder into which the upper plate is driven. The pins are steel and seem to have been partially renewed at least twice.

When I found the machine the pins were set to produce an 8 hole triangle (A>) which I have not seen recorded on stamps so it may have been for non-postage stamp use. The pins are removable and it is possible and fairly easy to re-set them into another design so the machine could be used to perfin any design within the 5 x 5 matrix. I am minded to re-set them to produce a personal perfin for my own use. (B>)



On the bottom of the machine is written the words "Pudsey BC" so I must assume that it was used by that local Government body.



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